



Green Valley School Newsletter

Striving for Excellence

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Calendar of the Month's Events

- Sept. 11 - Picture Day
Sept. 24 - Assembly/Awards @ 9:15 a.m.
- PTA Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- Meet The Teacher BBQ
Sept. 25 - Divisional Terry Fox Run



Principal's Message

Welcome to 2009-2010! We are very excited about beginning the new school year. We wish all of our students the very best throughout the year, and extend special greetings to all of our new students and their parents. May this prove to be a positive and memorable year.

We have several teachers on staff that are new to Green Valley School. Mrs. Ashley Penner will be teaching Senior Years Math and Science. Mr. Vernon Neufeld is our new Music teacher. Mr. A.J. Neufeld will teach Grade 7. Mrs. Tanis Kyle is teaching Art, and Ms Christie Crow will teach Home Ec. during the first semester. We welcome each of these teachers to our staff team and wish them a great year.

Please take note that Religious Exercises will begin on Monday, September 14. All students participating in religious exercises will meet in the school gym from 9:00-9:05 each morning for a Bible reading and The Lord's Prayer. Remember, if you would like your child to participate, you need to send a written note to the school giving permission to do so, if you have not already signed a petition.

I would like to extend an invitation to all parents of GVS students to join us at our annual Meet The Teacher Bar-B-Q and PTA meeting on Thursday, September 24th. The PTA meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. with the Bar-B-Q following immediately after. We hope to see you there.

Please take note of the inserts included with this newsletter. Hanover School Division and Green Valley School are working together with South EastMan Health to develop plans for dealing with the H1N1 Flu outbreak. Information is included in the insert to ensure that we do whatever we can to keep our students healthy.

Have a great school year.

Lifetouch Picture Day – Friday, September 11th

Dear Parents:

Lifetouch Canada will be doing student's school portraits at **Green Valley School. Your child/children will be photographed using a proof program in the fall of 2009**

versus the prepaid program used in past years. Below are some key points to the proof program:

- Your picture day is **Friday, September 11th**.
- All students will be photographed. **No payment is required on picture day.**
- A proof order form will arrive approximately 10 days after picture day.
- Orders must be returned to the school by the due date indicated on the order form.
- Late orders must be sent to our Winnipeg office (address below) **We can not guarantee delivery before Christmas break on late orders.**
- Picture packages from orders received by the due date will arrive approximately 21 days.
- Upon receipt of your proof, if a retake is required, you must check the **retake request box** on the proof order form and return it to the photographer on photo retake day.
- Any questions regarding proofs or orders should be directed to Lifetouch Winnipeg (contact information below).

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to capture your portrait memories.

Your Lifetouch Manitoba Team

**Unit # 1- 1410 Mountain Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba
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Awards Day Assembly

We would like to invite parents/guardians to a celebration of excellence when our students will be recognized for their achievements in academics, athletics and the performing arts on Thursday, September 24th at 9:15 a.m. in our gym.

MEET THE TEACHER BBQ

All parents/guardians are invited to attend the Meet the Teacher BBQ on Thursday, September 24th after the PTA Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Come out and meet the Green Valley staff and enjoy the food and refreshments!

No Child Without

The **No Child Without** program offers a free MedicAlert membership to students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14th birthday. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis then you should consider a MedicAlert membership through this program.

Your child's voice in an emergency, MedicAlert membership;

- Gives emergency first responders immediate access to your child's medical information on their MedicAlert bracelet or necklet
- Enables first responders to quickly obtain up to date medical information by means of the child's Electronic Health Record through the **24 Hour Emergency Hotline**.
- Communicates with the parent or emergency contact upon activation of the **Hotline**
- Allows free updates of the child's medical record as needed

MedicAlert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur.

For further information come to the office for a brochure or visit www.nochildwithout.ca. To register your child you will need a **No Child Without** brochure from the office.

If your child is already part of the **No Child Without** program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications or emergency contact information, call MedicAlert at 1-866-679-3220 Ext 1 to update your child's file.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

We believe that Student Accident Insurance continues to be excellent value at the rates offered by Reliable Life. Other plans are available, but this MAST endorsed plan has been designed to provide maximum benefits where claims are made. Information pamphlets will be sent home with students. Please read them carefully.
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Religious Exercises and Religious Instruction

Please see **pages 3 and 4** of this newsletter from the Hanover School Board for more information about Religious Exercises and Religious Instruction at GVS for the 09-10 school year.

Green Valley School 2009-2010 Calendar

Sept. 7	Labour Day
Sept. 8	School Admin. / PD Day
Sept. 9	First Day of School
Sept. 11	Picture Day
Sept. 15-16	Grad Retreat
Sept. 24	Assembly/5-11 Awards Meet the Teacher BBQ PTA Meeting
Sept. 25	Terry Fox Run
Oct. 2	Superintendent's In-service No classes
Oct. 8-22	Fundraising
Oct. 12	Thanksgiving Day
Oct. 15	Grade 12 Options

Oct. 16	Eastman Choral Workshop
Oct. 22	Music Fall Concert
Oct. 23	SAG day (no school)
Oct. 28	Picture Retakes
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Nov. 16	Admin Day-No Classes
Nov. 19-21	GVS/PTA Dinner Theatre
Nov. 20	Report Cards Issued (5-12)
Nov. 26	Parent/Teacher Interviews (5-12)
Dec. 8	Christmas Program (9-12)
Dec. 15	Christmas Program (5-8)
Dec. 18	Last Day of Classes
Jan. 4, 2010	First Day of Classes
Jan. 14	Parent/Teacher Interviews (9-12)
Feb. 2-4	Final Assessments (9-12)
Feb. 5	Administration Day
Feb. 8	Semester 2 begins
Feb. 12	Report Cards Issued (5-12)
Feb. 15	Louis Riel Day
Feb. 18	Parent/Teacher Interviews (5-8)
Feb. 23-25	Grade 7 Camp Arnes Retreat
Feb. 26	PD Day
Mar. 15	In-service Day (5-12) Grad Portraits
Mar. 26	Last Day of Classes before Spring Break
Apr. 5	First Day of Classes after Spring Break
April 15-16	Musical
Apr. 19	Administration Day (5-12)
Apr. 23	Report Cards Issued (5-12)
Apr. 29	Parent/Teacher Interviews (5-12) PTA Meeting
May 6	Open House
May 11	Gr. 5 Orientation
May 24	Victoria Day (no school)
June 1	Band Instrument info night (4-7 p.m.)
June 3	Spring Music Concert
June 23-25	Final Assessment Period
June 28	Graduation
June 28	Grade 5 & 6 Picnic
June 29-30	Administration Days
June 30	Final Report Cards Issued

*Please note that circumstances may necessitate changes, additions or deletions as the year progresses.

